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Sen. Kuipers awarded by school administrator group

LANSING – Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, has received the 2005 Education Fellows award from the Michigan Association of School Administrators for his leadership on state education issues.

“I thank the association for honoring my work to better Michigan’s educational system,” Kuipers said. “My colleagues in the Legislature and I have made important improvements to ensure our children receive the best education possible, and I look forward to keep working with local school leaders to accomplish that.”

Kuipers, who chairs the Senate Education Committee, led the effort in the Legislature to use a college entrance exam-based test in place of the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test given to 11th-graders. Recently, Kuipers has worked to reduce the cost of health insurance and retirement benefits of public school employees to make sure every dollar possible goes toward educating children while maintaining excellent benefits for employees.

According to MASA, the Education Fellows award is presented each year to people who serve the educational community through long-term contributions of service or resources, service above self interests, public education advocacy, or leadership or public service on behalf of public education.

Earlier in the year, Kuipers was honored by the Michigan Parents, Teachers and Students Association for work leadership on educational matters.

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